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AN ORDINANCE amending Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Animals by adding a section numbered 6.02.010 to provide general provisions for definitions; by adding new sections numbered 6.02.020 through 6.02.560 to define "adequate shelter," "animal," "animal control," "animal control officer," "animal exhibit," "animal rescue organization," "animal shelter," "anti-escape," "Board of Health," "boarding," "cat," "chief animal control officer," "commercial boarding kennel," "commercial breeding kennel," "dangerous dog," "department," "director," "dog," "dog kennel," "domestic animal," "domesticated," "dwelling," "exotic animal," "foster home," "fowl," "groom shop," "guard dog," "hobby breeder," "hobby kennel or cattery," "hybrid," "keep or harbor," "kennel," "inoculation, vaccination or vaccination for rabies," "indoor housing facility," "large animal," "multi-cat household," ""multi-dog household," "outdoor housing facility," "own," "owner," "pet animal," "pet animal dealership," "pet shop," "potentially dangerous dog," "premise," "retail sale," "rooster," "run at large," "severe injury," "shade," "small animal," "unusual animal," "wholesale," "wild animal," and "wound," respectively; by repealing Section 6.04.010 to delete definitions; by adding a new section numbered 6.04.041 to prohibit roosters within the City of Lincoln; by amending Section 6.04.090 to establish separate permit fees for large or small animals or fowl, to establish a combination of large and small animals or fowl permit fee and to establish a renewal late fee; by adding a new section numbered 6.04.125 to require ferrets to be vaccinated; by amending Section 6.04.160 to increase permit fees and to create a late fee; by adding a new section numbered Section 6.04.235 to regulate animal rescue organizations through a permit process in which the organization must register its members who will be providing foster care for the rescued pet

animal, and to create requirements for obtaining and maintaining such permit; by repealing Section 6.08.010 to delete definitions; by amending Section 6.08.030 to set minimum penalty amounts for repetitive violations of licensing requirements; by amending Section 6.08.060 to increase licensing fees for dogs; by adding a new section numbered 6.08.155 to require any person with custody or control of any dog on public property or another's property to dispose of dog feces or manure in a sanitary manner and to provide for an exception for law enforcement officers while using a dog for law enforcement or rescue activity; by adding a new section numbered 6.08.180 to establish a multi-dog household permit and the process to obtain the permit; by adding a new section numbered 6.08.182 to establish permit terms and requirements for commercial breeding kennels located within the City of Lincoln; by adding a new section numbered 6.08.184 to establish permit terms and requirements for multi-dog households and commercial breeding kennels; by amending Section 6.08.310 to add exceptions to the prohibition of dog kennels for permitted commercial breeding kennels and multi-dog households; by repealing Section 6.10.010 to delete definitions; by amending Section 6.10.040 to allow the use of microchips for marking dangerous dogs in addition to tattooing; by amending Section 6.10.120 to set minimum penalties for violations of this chapter; by repealing Section 6.12.010 to delete definitions; by amending Section 6.12.030 to set minimum penalty amounts for repetitive criminal violations of licensing requirements; by adding a new section numbered 6.12.045 to place a limit on the number of cats a person may own without a multi-cat household, cattery, or hobby kennel permit while located within the City of Lincoln; by amending Section 6.12.120 to increase licensing fees for cats; by amending Section 6.12.130 to increase licensing fees for catteries and hobby kennels; by adding a new section numbered 6.12.132 to establish a multi-cat household permit and the process to obtain the permit; by adding a new section numbered 6.12.134 to establish multicat household permit terms and requirements; by adding a new section numbered 6.12.136 to allow current cat owners or those who are annexed, who own more than fifteen cats, to

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| 1 | retain all of | their cats until death or transfer of ownership of the cat; by amending Section |
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| 2 | 6.12.140 to | include multi-cat households; amending Section 6.12.145 to also apply to multi- |
| 3 | cat househo | olds; and repealing Sections 6.04.090, 6.04.160, 6.08.030, 6.08.060, 6.08.310, |
| 4 | 6.10.040, 6. | .10.120, 6.12.030, 6.12.120, 6.12.130, 6.12.140, 6.12.145, and 6.12.290 of the |
| 5 | Lincoln Mur | nicipal Code as hitherto existing. |
| 6 | | BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska: |
| 7 | | Section 1. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 8 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.010 to read as follows: |
| 9 | 6.02.010 | Definitions; General Provisions. |
| 10 | The f | following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of Title 6 |
| 11 | of the Linco | In Municipal Code unless otherwise provided. |
| 12 | | Section 2. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 13 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.020 to read as follows: |
| 14 | 6.02.020 | Adequate Shelter. |
| 15 | Adec | quate shelter shall mean a physical structure available for use by an animal so that |
| 16 | when factor | es related to the age, size, physical condition, medical condition, species, and |
| 17 | breed dispo | sition are considered, the animal's well-being is not endangered by weather or |
| 18 | <u>environmen</u> | tal conditions. |
| 19 | | Section 3. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 20 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.030 to read as follows: |
| 21 | 6.02.030 | Animal. |
| 22 | <u>Anim</u> | nal shall mean any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom excluding man. |
| 23 | | Section 4. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |

a new section numbered 6.02.040 to read as follows:

6.02.040 Animal Control.

Animal Control shall mean the Animal Control Division of the Health Department authorized to enforce the animal control laws of the city.

Section 5. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.050 to read as follows:

6.02.050 Animal Control Officer.

Animal control officer shall mean any person authorized by law or employed or appointed for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this section or any other law or ordinance relating to the licensing of animals, control of animals, or seizure and impoundment of animals.

Section 6. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.060 to read as follows:

6.02.060 Animal Exhibit.

Animal exhibit shall mean an animal act or performance where such animal is trained to perform some behavior or action or is part of a circus, carnival, show, performance, exhibition or animal ride.

Section 7. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.070 to read as follows:

6.02.070 Animal Rescue Organization.

Animal rescue organization shall mean any nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of finding permanent adoptive homes for animals and does not maintain an animal shelter for keeping animals, but rather houses the animals in a residential dwelling or uses a system of housing animals in foster homes or donated space in a pet shop.

Section 8. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.080 to read as follows:

| 1 | 6.02.080 | Animal Shelter. |
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| 2 | <u>Anin</u> | nal shelter shall mean a facility that is used to house or contain animals and is |
| 3 | owned, ope | erated, or maintained by a Nebraska nonprofit corporation for the purpose of |
| 4 | providing te | emporary kenneling and finding permanent adoptive homes for animals. |
| 5 | | Section 9. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 6 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.090 to read as follows: |
| 7 | 6.02.090 | Anti-escape. |
| 8 | <u>Anti</u> | -escape shall mean any housing, fencing, or device which a dog cannot go over, |
| 9 | under, throu | ugh, or around. |
| 10 | | Section 10. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 11 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.100 to read as follows: |
| 12 | 6.02.100 | Board of Health. |
| 13 | <u>Boar</u> | d of Health shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health. |
| 14 | | Section 11. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 15 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.110 to read as follows: |
| 16 | 6.02.110 | Boarding. |
| 17 | <u>Boar</u> | ding shall mean caring for, feeding, watering, or sheltering a pet animal belonging |
| 18 | to another b | by any person or business for pay, trade, barter, commission, or remuneration of |
| 19 | any sort. | |
| 20 | | Section 12. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 21 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.120 to read as follows: |
| 22 | 6.02.120 | Cat. |
| 23 | <u>Cat s</u> | hall include both male and female cats. |
| 24 | | Section 13. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 25 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.130 to read as follows: |

6.02.130 Chief Animal Control Officer.

Chief animal control officer shall mean the individual designated by the Director to supervise animal control officers and other animal control employees, and have responsibility and authority for enforcing all provisions of this chapter.

Section 14. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.140 to read as follows:

6.02.140 Commercial Boarding Kennel.

Commercial boarding kennel shall mean any kennel where pet animals owned by another person are temporarily boarded for pay, trade, barter, commission, or remuneration of any sort; provided, however, this definition shall not apply to zoos or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 15. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.150 to read as follows:

6.02.150 Commercial Breeding Kennel.

Commercial breeding kennel shall mean any kennel, lawfully located on a premises one acre or more in size zoned for such use and where no more than ten dogs, registered with a nationally recognized registration organization, over the age of six months are owned, kept, or harbored for the purpose of breeding purebred or pedigreed dogs, provided, however, this definition shall not apply to zoos or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 16. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.160 to read as follows:

6.02.160 Dangerous Dog.

Dangerous dog shall mean any dog that (a) has killed or inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property; (b) has killed a domestic animal without provocation while the dog was off the owner's property; or (c) has been previously determined

| 1 | to be a pote | ntially dangerous dog according to this chapter and such dog subsequently and |
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| 2 | aggressively | bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals. Under (a) |
| 3 | and (c) here | in, the dog shall not be considered a dangerous dog if the conduct of the dog in |
| 4 | question is o | directed at a person: |
| 5 | | (1) who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or any other tort upon |
| 6 | the property | of the owner of the dog; |
| 7 | | (2) who, at the time, was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog; |
| 8 | | (3) who has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, |
| 9 | abused, or a | ssaulted the dog; or |
| 10 | | (4) who, at the time, was committing or attempting to commit a crime |
| 11 | against the p | person, against public peace, or relating to property. |
| 12 | | Section 17. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 13 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.170 to read as follows: |
| 14 | 6.02.170 | Department. |
| 15 | <u>Depa</u> | ertment shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. |
| 16 | | Section 18. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 17 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.180 to read as follows: |
| 18 | 6.02.180 | Director. |
| 19 | Direc | ctor shall mean the Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department |
| 20 | or such Dire | ector's authorized representative. |
| 21 | | Section 19. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 22 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.190 to read as follows: |
| 23 | 6.02.190 | Dog. |
| 24 | Dog | shall mean an animal of the canine or canidae family, regardless of sex. |
| 25 | | Section 20. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 26 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.200 to read as follows: |

| 1 | 6.02.200 | Dog Kennel. |
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| 2 | <u>Dog</u> | kennel shall mean the house, yard, enclosure, or place where four or more dogs |
| 3 | over the age | e of six months are kept, harbored, or maintained. |
| 4 | | Section 21. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 5 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.210 to read as follows: |
| 6 | 6.02.210 | Domestic Animal. |
| 7 | <u>Dom</u> | estic animal shall mean a cat, a dog, or livestock. |
| 8 | | Section 22. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 9 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.220 to read as follows: |
| 10 | 6.02.220 | Domesticated. |
| 11 | <u>Don</u> | nesticated shall mean a tame animal that is subject to the dominion and control |
| 12 | of an owner | and accustomed to living in or near human habitation without requiring extraordi- |
| 13 | nary restrair | nt or unreasonably disturbing such human habitation. |
| 14 | | Section 23. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 15 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.230 to read as follows: |
| 16 | 6.02.230 | Dwelling. |
| 17 | <u>Dwe</u> | lling shall mean any building or portion thereof which is designed and used for |
| 18 | residential p | ourposes. An attached garage shall be deemed to be part of a dwelling. |
| 19 | | Section 24. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 20 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.240 to read as follows: |
| 21 | 6.02.240 | Exotic Animal. |
| 22 | <u>Exoti</u> | c animal shall mean any animal that is native to a foreign country or of foreign |
| 23 | origin or ch | aracter, is not native to the United States or was introduced from abroad except |

pet animals, large animals, or fowl. This term specifically includes animals such as, but not

limited to, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroo and water buffalo.

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| 1 | | Section 25. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
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| 2 | a new section | n numbered 6.02.250 to read as follows: |
| 3 | 6.02.250 | Foster Home. |
| 4 | <u>Foster</u> | home shall mean a residential premise at which, through registration with an |
| 5 | animal rescu | e organization, temporary animal care or rehabilitation is provided. |
| 6 | | Section 26. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 7 | a new section | n numbered 6.02.260 to read as follows: |
| 8 | 6.02.260 | Fowl. |
| 9 | <u>Fowls</u> | shall mean chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, pheasants, quail, partridge, |
| 10 | guineas, or o | ther domesticated or wild birds. |
| 11 | | Section 27. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 12 | a new section | n numbered 6.02.270 to read as follows: |
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| 13 | 6.02.270 | Groom Shop. |
| 13 | | Groom Shop. m shop shall mean any commercial retail establishment or business or part thereof |
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a new section numbered 6.02.290 to read as follows:

6.02.290 Hobby Breeder.

Hobby breeder shall mean any person who breeds and raises pet animals at his or her place of residence; provided that (1) such breeding activity is incidental to keeping pet animals for personal enjoyment, and (2) the premises are not a kennel regulated by the Lincoln Municipal Code. At least one parent of the pet animal must be kept upon the residence or premises.

Section 30. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.300 to read as follows:

6.02.300 Hobby Kennel or Cattery.

Hobby kennel or cattery shall mean any kennel where more than two and less than sixteen unneutered and/or unspayed cats are owned, harbored or kept for organized shows, breeding for exhibition, or for the enjoyment of the household; provided, however, this definition shall not apply to the Humane Society, animal shelter, animal research facilities, zoos, or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 31. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.310 to read as follows:

6.02.310 Hybrid.

Hybrid shall mean any animal which is (1) the product of the breeding of a domesticated animal with a non-domesticated animal including, but not limited to, wolf/dog hybrids, or (2) the product of the breeding of a non-domesticated animal with an animal of a different species, variety, or breed.

Section 32. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.320 to read as follows:

6.02.320 Keep or Harbor.

Keep or harbor shall mean to have charge, custody, or control of an animal or fowl, or permitting the same to habitually remain or be lodged or fed within the house, store, yard, enclosure, or place of the owner or occupant of the premises.

Section 33. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.330 to read as follows:

6.02.330 Kennel.

Kennel shall mean the house, yard, enclosure, or place where pet animals are kept, harbored, or maintained; provided, however, this definition shall not apply to the Humane Society, animal shelter, animal research facilities, zoos, or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 34. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.340 to read as follows:

6.02.340 Inoculation, Vaccination, or Vaccination for Rabies.

Inoculation, vaccination, or vaccination for rabies shall mean the vaccination of a cat, dog, or ferret with a vaccine approved by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Department of Health for use in the prevention of rabies.

Section 35. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.350 to read as follows:

6.02.350 Indoor Housing Facility.

Indoor housing facility shall mean any enclosure, structure or building intended to harbor dogs, which has the capability of controlling the environment within the enclosure created by the continuous connection of a roof, floor, and walls with at least one opening for entry by a dog and an exit with a door or any movable structure used to close off the opening and typically consisting of a panel of wood, glass, metal, etc., which slides on rollers or swings

on hinges. Any openings which provide natural light shall be covered with a transparent material.

Section 36. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.360 to read as follows:

6.02.360 Large Animal.

Large animal shall mean cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, llamas, or any other domesticated animal which is normally and historically kept and raised on farms in the United States and used or intended for use as food, fiber, or farm work weighing more than twenty pounds except pet animals, unusual animals, or fowl.

Section 37. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.370 to read as follows:

6.02.370 Multi-Cat Household.

Multi-cat household shall mean any kennel where more than five and less than sixteen cats over the age of six months are harbored or kept; provided, however, this definition shall not apply to the Humane Society, animal shelter, animal research facilities, zoos, or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 38 That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.380 to read as follows:

6.02.380 Multi-Dog Household.

Multi-dog household shall mean any kennel lawfully located on a premises one acre or more in size zoned for such use and where a maximum of five neutered or spayed dogs over six months of age are owned, kept, or harbored; provided however, this definition shall not apply to the Humane Society, animal shelter, animal research facilities, zoos, or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska..

Section 39. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.390 to read as follows:

6.02.390 Outdoor Housing Facility.

Outdoor housing facility shall mean any enclosure, structure, building, land or premises, housing or intended to house dogs, which does not meet the definition of any other type of housing facility provided in this chapter, and in which temperatures cannot be controlled within set limits.

Section 40. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.400 to read as follows:

6.02.400 Own.

Own shall mean to own, keep, harbor, or have charge, custody, or control of an animal or fowl.

Section 41. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.410 to read as follows:

6.02.410 Owner.

Owner shall mean any person, firm, organization, association, or corporation owning, possessing, keeping, harboring, or having charge, custody or control of any animal or fowl.

Section 42. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.420 to read as follows:

6.02.420 Pet Animal.

Pet animal shall mean dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, snakes, iguana, and turtles. Pet animal shall also include any domesticated animal that a person owns or that is sold or offered for sale generally for the purpose of being kept indoors as household pets, except unusual animals.

Section 43. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.430 to read as follows:

| 1 | 6.02.430 | Pet Animal Dealership. |
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| 2 | Pet a | nimal dealership shall mean places or premises where pet animals are kept for |
| 3 | wholesale o | r retail sale, including breeding facilities, except hobby breeders. |
| 4 | | Section 44. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 5 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.440 to read as follows: |
| 6 | 6.02.440 | Pet Shop. |
| 7 | Pet sh | nop shall mean any business establishment or premises or part thereof maintained |
| 8 | for the purpo | ose of a pet animal dealership, but shall not include the Humane Society, animal |
| 9 | shelter, anim | nal research facilities, zoos, veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State |
| 10 | of Nebraska | ., hobby breeder, and commercial breeding kennels. |
| 11 | | Section 45. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 12 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.450 to read as follows: |
| 13 | 6.02.450 | Potentially Dangerous Dog. |
| 14 | <u>Poter</u> | ntially dangerous dog shall mean: |
| 15 | <u>(a)</u> | Any dog that when unprovoked |
| 16 | | (1) inflicts a wound on a human or injures a domestic animal either on |
| 17 | public or pri | ivate property, or |
| 18 | | (2) chases or approaches a person upon streets, sidewalks, or any public |
| 19 | grounds in a | an outward appearance of aggressive or dangerous behavior; or |
| 20 | <u>(b)</u> | Any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack when |
| 21 | unprovoked | , to cause injury, or to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals. |
| 22 | | Section 46. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |
| 23 | a new section | on numbered 6.02.460 to read as follows: |
| 24 | 6.02.460 | Premise. |

| 1 | Premise shall include any enclosure, building, lot, yard, or portion thereof, facilities |
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| 2 | and appurtenances thereto, grounds, area, or place used or held out for use to own, keep or |
| 3 | harbor animals. |
| 4 | Section 47. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding |

Section 47. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.470 to read as follows:

6.02.470 Retail Sale.

Retail sale shall mean the business of selling pet animals directly to consumers or the public.

Section 48. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.480 to read as follows:

6.02.480 Rooster.

Rooster shall mean the male of the domesticated chicken or gallus genus domesticus species.

Section 49. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.490 to read as follows:

6.02.490 Run at Large.

Run at large shall include any animal that is not under the actual control of its owner.

An animal shall not be considered under the actual control of its owner unless on a leash, cord, or chain which is securely fastened or picketed in a manner sufficient to keep the animal on the premises where picketed, or on a leash, cord, or chain of six feet or less in length physically held by the owner or confined within a receptacle, enclosed vehicle, fenced enclosure or shelter or within the real property limits of the owner and in the owner's presence and under direct and effective voice control.

Section 50. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.500 to read as follows:

6.02.500 Severe Injury.

Severe injury shall mean any physical injury to a person that results in disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery, or one or more broken bones, or that creates a potential danger to the life or health of the victim.

Section 51. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.510 to read as follows:

6.02.510 Shade.

Shade shall mean protection from the direct rays of the sun.

Section 52. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.520 to read as follows:

6.02.520 Small Animal.

Small animal shall mean any animal, including rabbits, weighing twenty pounds or less, except pet animals, unusual animals or fowl.

Section 53. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.530 to read as follows:

6.02.530 Unusual Animal.

<u>Unusual animal shall mean any exotic, wild, poisonous, or potentially dangerous</u> animal not normally considered domesticated and shall include animals prohibited by the City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, or federal requirements, and also:

(a) Class mammalia; order carnivora, family felidae (such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, and cougars) and hybrids of the same except commonly accepted domesticated cats; family canidae (such as wolves, coyotes, and fox) and hybrids of the same except domesticated dogs; family mustelidae (such as weasels, martins, fishers, skunks, wolverines, mink, and badgers) except ferrets; family procyonidae (such as raccoon); family ursidae (such as bears); order primata (such as monkeys and chimpanzees); and order chiroptera (such as bats).

(b) Class reptilia; (i) all poisonous or venomous snakes, lizards, amphibians and other reptiles and shall include but not be limited to: cobras and their allies (elapidae, hydrophidae); vipers and their allies (crotalidae, viperidae); boonslang and kirtland's tree snake (clonophis); and gila monster (helodermatidae); (ii) order loricata (such as alligators, caymans, and crocodiles); (iii) green anaconda (eunectes murinus), Indian python (molurus molurus), reticulated python (python reticulatus), and African rock python (python sebae).

Section 54. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.540 to read as follows:

6.02.540 Wholesale.

Wholesale shall mean the business of buying for resale or selling pet animals to persons other than retail sales; or contracting in any manner for the sale of pet animals as a broker, commission merchant, or other persons who take possession of such pet animals during the course of such business.

Section 55. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.550 to read as follows:

6.02.550 Wild Animal.

Wild animal shall mean any animal within the boundaries of the United States which is now or historically has been found in the wild, or is in the wild state wherein it is living in its original, natural condition and is not domesticated.

Section 56. That Title 6 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.02.560 to read as follows:

6.02.560 Wound.

Wound shall mean any injury to a person not included within the definition of severe injury.

Section 57. That Section 6.04.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety.

| 6.04.010 Definitions. |
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| For the purpose of this title, the following words shall have the following meanings: |
| Adequate shelter shall mean a physical structure available for use by an animal so that |
| when factors related to the age, size, physical condition, medical condition, species, and |
| breed disposition are considered, the animal's well-being is not endangered by weather or |
| environmental conditions. |
| Animal shall mean any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom excluding man. |
| Animal exhibit shall mean an animal act or performance where such animal is trained |
| to perform some behavior or action or is part of a circus, carnival, show, performance, |
| exhibition or animal ride. |
| Board of Health shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health. |
| Boarding shall mean caring for, feeding, watering, or sheltering a pet animal belonging |
| to another by any person or business for pay, trade, barter, commission, or remuneration of |
| any sort. |
| Department shall mean the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. |
| Director shall mean the Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department |
| or such Director's authorized representative. |
| Domesticated shall mean a tame animal that is subject to the dominion and control of |
| an owner and accustomed to living in or near human habitation without requiring extraordi- |
| nary restraint or unreasonably disturbing such human habitation. |
| Dwelling shall mean any building or portion thereof which is designed and used for |
| residential purposes. An attached garage shall be deemed to be part of a dwelling. |
| Exotic animal shall mean any animal that is native to a foreign country or of foreign |
| origin or character, is not native to the United States or was introduced from abroad except |
| pet animals, large animals, or fowl. This term specifically includes animals such as, but not |
| limited to, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroo and water buffalo. |
| Fowl shall mean chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, pheasants, quail, partridge, |
| guineas, or other domesticated or wild fowl. |
| Groom shop shall mean any commercial retail establishment or business or part thereof |
| where cleaning, shampooing, caring, and grooming are provided for animals except the term |
| shall not include livestock auctions, veterinarians, boarding kennels, or animal shelters. |
| Hobby breeder shall mean any person who breeds and raises pet animals at his or her |
| place of residence; provided that (1) such breeding activity is incidental to keeping pet animals |

for personal enjoyment, and (2) the premises are not a dog or cat kennel regulated by the

1 Lincoln Municipal Code. At least one parent of the pet animal must be kept upon the 2 residence or premises. 3 Hybrid shall mean any animal which is (1) the product of the breeding of a 4 domesticated animal with a non-domesticated animal including, but not limited to, wolf/dog 5 hybrids, or (2) the product of the breeding of a non-domesticated animal with an animal of a 6 different species, variety, or breed. Keep or harbor shall mean to have charge, custody, or control of an animal or fowl, 7 8 or permitting the same to habitually remain or be lodged or fed within the house, store, yard, 9 enclosure, or place of the owner or occupant of the premises. 10 Large animal shall mean cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, llamas, or any other 11 domesticated animal which is normally and historically kept and raised on farms in the United 12 States and used or intended for use as food, fiber, or farm work weighing more than twenty 13 pounds except pet animals, unusual animals, or fowl. 14 Own shall mean to own, keep, harbor, or have charge, custody, or control of an animal 15 or fowl. 16 Owner shall mean any person, firm, organization, association, or corporation owning, 17 possessing, keeping, harboring, or having charge, custody or control of any animal or fowl. 18 Pet animal shall mean dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, snakes, iguana, 19 and turtles. Pet animal shall also include any domesticated animal that a person owns or that 20 is sold or offered for sale generally for the purpose of being kept indoors as household pets, 21 except unusual animals. 22 Pet animal dealership shall mean places or premises where pet animals are kept for 23 wholesale or retail sale, including breeding facilities, except hobby breeders. 24 Pet shop shall mean any business establishment or premises or part thereof maintained 25 for the purpose of a pet animal dealership, but shall not include hobby breeder, groom shop, 26 veterinarians, boarding kennels, and animal shelters. 27 Premises shall include any building, lot, yard, or portion thereof, facilities and 28 appurtenances thereto, grounds, area, or place used as or held out for use as a pet shop. 29 Retail sale shall mean the business of selling pet animals directly to consumers or the public. 30 31 Run at large shall include any animal that is not under the actual control of its owner. 32 An animal shall not be considered under the actual control of its owner unless on a leash, 33 cord, or chain which is securely fastened or picketed in a manner sufficient to keep the animal

on the premises where picketed, or on a leash, cord, or chain of six feet or less in length physi-

cally held by the owner or confined within a receptacle, enclosed vehicle, fenced enclosure or shelter or within the real property limits of the owner and in the owner's presence and under direct and effective voice control. **Shade** shall mean protection from the direct rays of the sun. Small animal shall mean any animal, including rabbits, weighing twenty pounds or less, except pet animals, unusual animals or fowl. Unusual animal shall mean any exotic, wild, poisonous, or potentially dangerous animal not normally considered domesticated and shall include animals prohibited by the City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, or federal requirements, and also: (1) Class mammalia; order carnivora, family felidae (such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, and cougars) and hybrids of the same except commonly accepted domesticated cats; family canidae (such as wolves, coyotes, and fox) and hybrids of the same except domesticated dogs; family mustelidae (such as weasels, martins, fishers, skunks, wolverines, mink, and badgers) except ferrets; family procyonidae (such as raccoon); family ursidae (such as bears); order primata (such as monkeys and chimpanzees); and order chiroptera (such as bats). (2) Class reptilia; (i) all poisonous or venomous snakes, lizards, amphibians and other reptiles and shall include but not be limited to: cobras and their allies (elapidae, hydrophidae); vipers and their allies (crotalidae, viperidae); boonslang and kirtland's tree snake (clonophis); and gila monster (helodermatidae); (ii) order loricata (such as alligators, caymans, and crocodiles); (iii) green anaconda (eunectes murinus), Indian python (molurus molurus), reticulated python (python reticulatus), and African rock python (python sebae). Wholesale shall mean the business of buying for resale or selling pet animals to persons other than retail sales; or contracting in any manner for the sale of pet animals as a broker, commission merchant, or other persons who take possession of such pet animals during the course of such business. Wild animal shall mean any animal within the boundaries of the United States which is now or historically has been found in the wild, or is in the wild state wherein it is living in its original, natural condition and is not domesticated. Section 58. That Chapter 6.04 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.04.041 to read as follows:

6.04.041 Keeping of Roosters Prohibited.

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No person shall, within the corporate limits of the City, own, keep or harbor live roosters. The unlawful keeping or harboring of roosters is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

This prohibition on the ownership, keeping, or harboring of live roosters shall not

This prohibition on the ownership, keeping, or harboring of live roosters shall not apply to roosters owned or harbored by a governmental entity or a person participating in a health surveillance conducted by a governmental entity, Humane Society, animal shelter, animal research facility, zoo, or to an animal hospital operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 59. That Section 6.04.090 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.04.090 Permit Fees.

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Before any permit to keep any large or small animal or fowl is issued, the applicant shall pay a permit fee of twenty-five dollars for each premises upon which such animals or fowl are to be kept. A permit shall be issued for any large or small animal or fowl upon the Director's finding that the applicant satisfies the requirements of this chapter and upon payment of the following fees:

| Large Animai | <u>\$50.00</u> |
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| Small Animal | \$50.00 |
| Fowl | \$50.00 |
| Combination of Large and Small Animal or Fowl | \$75.00 |

A permit holder who fails to renew the permit within thirty days of the permit expiration date shall pay a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual permit fee.

Section 60. That Chapter 6.04 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.04.125 to read as follows:

6.04.125 Vaccination Against Rabies; Required for Ferrets.

Any person, within the City of Lincoln, who owns, keeps, or harbors a ferret shall have such ferret vaccinated with a rabies vaccine as approved by the State of Nebraska. All ferrets shall be vaccinated against rabies commencing at three months of age and vaccination shall be repeated at fifteen months; a booster vaccination shall be given triennially thereafter. Unvaccinated ferrets acquired or moved into the City of Lincoln must be vaccinated within thirty days after purchase or arrival, unless under three months of age. Such vaccination shall be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Nebraska. It shall be the duty of every veterinarian, at the time of vaccinating any ferret, to provide a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate to the Director and to provide a rabies vaccination tag to the owner.

Section 61. That Section 6.04.160 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.04.160 Permit Required to Operate Pet Shop or Groom Shop.

No pet shop or groom shop shall be operated or maintained in the City of Lincoln without a permit issued by the Director. Before such a permit is issued, an inspection of the premises shall be conducted by the Director. Upon a finding by the Director that the premises are in compliance with the law and upon payment of the following fees, said permit shall be issued:

| Pet Shop | . \$ 45.00 <u>65.00</u> |
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| Groom Shop | . \$ 45.00 <u>65.00</u> |
| Pet Shop with Groom Shop | . \$ 60.00 <u>85.00</u> |
| First Mobile Groom Shop Unit | . \$ 45.00 <u>55.00</u> |
| Each Additional Unit | . \$ 15.00 <u>20.00</u> |

A permit holder who fails to renew the permit within thirty days of the permit expiration date shall pay a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual permit fee.

- (a) Permits are not transferable from one person to another person or place. A valid permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every pet shop or groom shop.
- (b) A permit holder shall notify the Director of any change of operations which may affect the status of the permit and shall keep the Director apprised of any change in name or location of such business.
- (c) The pet shop or groom shop permit shall expire September thirtieth of each calendar year and shall be renewed by October first of that year.
- (d) The pet shop or groom shop owner shall submit detailed plans and specifications to the Director whenever any such shop is constructed, modified, enlarged, or remodeled in a manner requiring a building permit under the Lincoln Municipal Code. Approval of plans and specifications shall be required prior to any construction, modification, enlargement, or remodeling and final approval shall be required before a permit for operation is issued or renewed.
- (e) Final plans and specifications shall show compliance with all requirements of the Lincoln Municipal Code and shall include schedules describing the ventilation system, plumbing equipment, and finishes of floors, walls, and ceilings. The plans required herein need not be professionally drawn.

Section 62. That Chapter 6.04 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.04.235 to read as follows:

<u>6.04.235</u> <u>Animal Rescue Organization: Permit.</u>

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate an animal rescue organization within the City of Lincoln without first having obtained a permit therefor from the Director.

An application shall include the organization's proof of non-profit status and permit fee. Upon a finding by the Director that the organization is in compliance with the law and minimum standards of operation as adopted by resolution by the City Council, said permit shall be issued. The terms of the permit are as follows:

1 (a) Permits are not transferable. 2 (b) Permits are for the rescue of pet animals only. 3 (c) A permit holder shall notify the Director of any change in name, address, or 4 substantial control, or ownership in the operation of the organization. 5 (d) The animal rescue organization permit shall expire December 31st of each 6 calendar year for which issued. All permit renewals shall be due January 1st of each year. 7 (e) The permit fee shall be five dollars per year for the animal rescue organization. 8 (f) No rescued animal shall be kept by an animal rescue organization or foster 9 home for more than thirty days unless the rescued pet animal is documented to be under a 10 veterinarian's care. The thirty days shall not apply to rescued pet animals housed in a pet 11 shop. 12 (q) No animal rescue organization or foster home shall house more than the 13 number of pet animals allowed by law. 14 (h) Animal rescue organizations or foster homes shall obtain all permits or licenses 15 as required by law except those required by law for the individual pet animal. 16 Section 63. That Section 6.08.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the 17 same is hereby repealed in its entirety. 18 6.08.010 Definitions. 19 For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings: 20 Anti-escape shall mean any housing, fencing, or device which a dog cannot go over, 21 under, through, or around. 22 Chief animal control officer shall mean the individual designated by the Director to 23 supervise animal control officers and other animal control employees, and have responsibility 24 and authority for enforcing all provisions of this chapter. 25 Dog shall mean an animal of the canine or canidae family, regardless of sex. 26 Guard dog shall mean any dog that is utilized to protect commercial or industrial 27 property or place of business. 28 Inoculation, vaccination, or vaccination for rabies shall mean the inoculation of a dog 29 with a vaccine approved by the department for use in the prevention of rabies.

Kennel shall mean the house, yard, enclosure, or place where four or more dogs over the age of six months are kept, harbored, or maintained.

Section 64. That Section 6.08.030 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.08.030 License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to own a dog over six months of age without procuring a license for such dog as provided in this chapter. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or by a fine in a sum not more than \$500.00, recoverable with costs, or both such fine and imprisonment, except that each person so convicted shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$50.00 for the first offense; not less than \$75.00 for a second offense; and not less than \$100.00 for the third offense and each offense thereafter. Each day that this violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be punishable as such. The penalties herein provided shall be cumulative with and in addition to any penalty or forfeiture in this chapter.

Section 65. That Section 6.08.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.08.060 License Fee.

(a) The license fee for all dogs shall be the sum of twenty-four five dollars; provided, however, the license fee for all spayed female dogs and neutered male dogs shall be the sum of twelve fifteen dollars each. Further provided, the license fee for a dog owned by an individual sixty-two years of age or older shall be the sum of eighteen nineteen dollars, or nine eleven dollars if the dog is a spayed female or a neutered male. Unless previously licensed as spayed or neutered, a dog shall be so licensed only if the license fee is accompanied by a statement signed by a veterinarian describing such dog and verifying the fact that such dog has been spayed or neutered.

(b) In addition to the license fee, any expired license which is renewed later than the expiration date shall not be renewed or issued until the following late fee has been paid by the owner:

Received ninety days or more after license expiration \$15.00

For new licenses, the owner shall be liable for a late fee according to the above schedule if the owner fails to license the animal within thirty days of the date the animal

attains the age of six months.

No late fee shall be charged on new licenses if the owner submits proof of purchase or acquisition of the dog within the preceding thirty days; or the owner has moved into the city within the preceding thirty days.

Section 66. That Chapter 6.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.08.155 to read as follows:

6.08.155 <u>Disposal of Dog Waste.</u>

Any person having custody or control of any dog shall have the responsibility for disposing of dog feces or manure of the dog in a sanitary manner. The provisions of this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers while using the dog to perform law enforcement functions or rescue activity.

It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any dog to place, deposit, discard, or dispose of feces or manure on public property or private property of another unless placed in approved garbage or refuse containers on public property or with the consent of the owner of the private property.

1 Section 67. That Chapter 6.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by 2 adding a new section numbered 6.08.180 to read as follows: 3 6.08.180 Multi-Dog Household Permits. 4 It shall be unlawful for any person to have or maintain a multi-dog household within 5 the City of Lincoln without first having obtained such a permit from the Director. 6 Any person having a multi-dog household shall make application to the Director for 7 said permit. The following shall be submitted with the application: 8 (a) Proof of current licenses and rabies vaccination for each dog to be owned, kept 9 or harbored on the premises. 10 A drawing or plan showing the location and dimensions of the premises, dog (b) runs or pens, and distances to neighboring properties. Drawings or plans must be drawn to 11 12 scale. 13 (c) The permit fee shall be the sum of \$50.00 in addition to the licensing fee for 14 each dog as required by Sections 6.08.030 and 6.08.060. 15 Upon a finding by the Director that the premises are in compliance with the terms of 16 the permit and the law, said permit will be issued. Only one multi-dog household permit per 17 premise shall be issued. A permit shall not be granted if permit holder possesses a current 18 commercial breeding kennel permit on the same premises. 19 Section 68. That Chapter 6.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by 20 adding a new section numbered 6.08.182 to read as follows: 21 Commercial Breeding Kennel: Permit Required. 6.08.182 22 It shall be unlawful for any person to have or maintain a commercial breeding kennel 23 within the City of Lincoln without first having obtained such a permit from the Director. 24 Any person wanting to operate a commercial breeding kennel shall make application

to the Director for a Commercial Breeding Kennel Permit. The following shall be submitted

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with the application:

| 1 | <u>(a)</u> | Proof of current licenses, rabies vaccination, and registration with a nationally |
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| 2 | recognized ı | registration organization for each dog to be kept or harbored on the premises. |
| 3 | <u>(b)</u> | A drawing or plan showing the location and dimensions of the premises, dog |
| 4 | runs or pens | , and distances to neighboring properties. |
| 5 | <u>(c)</u> | The permit fee shall be \$100 in addition to required licensing fees for each dog |
| 6 | as required i | n Sections 6.08.030 and 6.08.060. |
| 7 | <u>Upor</u> | a finding by the Director that the premises are in compliance with the terms of |
| 8 | the permit a | nd the law, said permit will be issued. Only one permit per premise shall be |
| 9 | issued. A pe | rmit shall not be granted if permit holder possesses a current multi-dog household |
| 10 | permit on th | e same premises. |
| 11 | | Section 69. That Chapter 6.08 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by |
| 12 | adding a nev | w section numbered 6.08.184 to read as follows: |
| 13 14 | <u>6.08.184</u> | Multi-Dog Household and Commercial Breeding Kennel: Terms and Requirements. |
| 15 | <u>(a)</u> | Permit is not transferable to another person or premise |
| 16 | <u>(b)</u> | The permits shall expire December 31st of each calendar year for which issued. |
| 17 | All permits s | shall be renewed by January 1st of the following year. |
| 18 | <u>(c)</u> | A permit holder shall notify the Director of any changes in ownership or death |
| 19 | of dogs, pro | perty, or any other changes which may affect the status of said permit and shall |
| 20 | keep the Dir | rector apprised of any change in name or location of the permit holder's kennel. |
| 21 | <u>(d)</u> | For a multi-dog household permit, all dogs owned, kept or harbored on the |
| 22 | premises sha | all be spayed and neutered. There shall be no breeding of dogs permitted under |
| 23 | this permit. | |
| 24 | | The commercial breeding kennel permit holders shall limit dog reproduction |
| 25 | to no more t | han one litter of offspring per license year per adult female dog. |

| 1 | (e) It shall be unlawful for any multi-dog household permit holder to own, keep or |
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| 2 | harbor more five dog over the age of six month on the premises. |
| 3 | It shall be unlawful for any commercial breeding kennel permit holder to keep |
| 4 | or harbor more than ten dogs over six months of age on the premises. |
| 5 | (f) All dogs shall be kept confined on the permit holder's premises. |
| 6 | (g) A permit holder may either have a multi-dog household permit or a commercial |
| 7 | breeding kennel permit, but not both. |
| 8 | (h) The minimum lot size shall be one acre for any premises in which a multi-dog |
| 9 | household or a commercial breeding kennel is to be located. The permit holder shall be |
| 10 | allowed to maintain a multi-dog household or commercial breeding kennel permit until such |
| 11 | premises is completely or partially sold or a change of ownership occurs, or termination of the |
| 12 | permit. |
| 13 | (i) It shall be unlawful to have indoor or outdoor housing facilities, pens |
| 14 | enclosures, or shelter closer than seventy-five feet to a neighboring residence and closer than |
| 15 | ten feet to a neighboring property line. The Director may require additional setbacks, fencing |
| 16 | screening or soundproofing requirements as deemed necessary to ensure the compatibility of |
| 17 | the multi-dog household or commercial breeding kennel with the surrounding neighborhood |
| 18 | Factors to be considered in determining such capability are as follows: |
| 19 | (1) Statements regarding approval/disapproval of surrounding neighbors |
| 20 | relative to maintenance of a multi-dog household or commercial breeding kennel at the |
| 21 | address applied for; |
| 22 | (2) Past history of animal control complaints relating to the dogs of the |
| 23 | applicant at the address for which the multi-dog household or commercial breeding kennel |
| 24 | is applied for; |
| 25 | (3) Facility specifications/dimensions in which the dogs are to be |

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| 1 | | (4) Animal size, type and characteristics of breed. |
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| 2 | <u>(j)</u> | Noise or barking from the dogs shall not interfere with an adjoining property |
| 3 | owner's use | and peaceful enjoyment of his/her property. |
| 4 | <u>(k)</u> | Any odor or unsanitary conditions caused by the dogs shall not interfere with |
| 5 | an adjoining | property owner's use and peaceful enjoyment of his/her property. |
| 6 | <u>(I)</u> | It shall be unlawful for the owner, proprietor, employee, or volunteer of any |
| 7 | commercial | breeding kennel to knowingly sell or offer for sale an ill dog or misrepresent the |
| 8 | breed or sex | of a dog to any buyer or consumer. |
| 9 | <u>(m)</u> | It shall be unlawful to operate a multi-dog household or commercial breeding |
| 10 | kennel there | of in an area within the City of Lincoln that kennels are not allowed by law. |
| 11 | <u>(n)</u> | No dog shall be kept under conditions or circumstances by which a violation |
| 12 | of Sections 6 | 0.04.310, Cruelty to Animals, or 6.04.315, Animal Neglect, shall be occurring or |
| 13 | has occurred | <u>l.</u> |
| 14 | <u>(o)</u> | Failure to maintain the premises in compliance with the law, or failure to make |
| 15 | payment of | the permit fee, or failure to maintain proof showing that each dog has been |
| 16 | properly lice | nsed or vaccinated against rabies may result in the immediate termination of the |
| 17 | commercial | breeding kennel permit by the Director. |
| 18 | <u>(p)</u> | Permit holder shall allow an Animal Control Officer to inspect or investigate |
| 19 | premises. Fa | ailure to permit an Animal Control Officer to investigate or inspect may result in |
| 20 | the terminati | on of the multi-dog or commercial breeding kennel permit. |
| 21 | | Section 70. That Section 6.08.310 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended |
| 22 | to read as follows: | |
| 23 | 6.08.310 | Dog Kennels Prohibited; Exceptions. |
| 24 | It sha | Il be unlawful for any person to keep, or permit to be kept upon any premises |

occupied or under such person's charge or control, any dog kennel. Provided, however, the

provisions of this section shall not apply to the <u>Humane Society</u>, animal shelter, animal re-

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search facilities, <u>zoos</u>, <u>or to</u> animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska, keeping dogs for others for treatment or boarding commercial breeding kennels, or to multi-dog households.

If upon the trial of the offense mentioned in this section it shall appear to the county judge that the person be guilty as charged in said complaint, said county judge shall, in addition to the usual judgment of conviction, declare said dog kennel a public nuisance, order the party or parties so convicted to abate said nuisance forthwith, and in the event the party or parties convicted shall fail to do so, order the Health Director or the Chief of Police to remove to the animal shelter said dog or dogs so kept and harbored in violation of this section, there to be impounded and disposed of in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The cost of such impoundment and disposal shall be borne by the convicted person.

Section 71. That Section 6.10.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6.10.010 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Animal Control shall mean the Animal Control Division of the Health Department

authorized to enforce the animal control laws of the city;

Animal Control Officer shall mean any person authorized by law or employed or appointed for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this section or any other law or ordinance relating to the licensing of animals, control of animals, or seizure and impoundment of animals;

Chief Animal Control Officer shall mean the person appointed by the Director as head of Animal Control.

Dangerous dog shall mean any dog that (a) has killed or inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property; (b) has killed a domestic animal without provocation while the dog was off the owner's property; or (c) has been previously determined to be a potentially dangerous dog according to this chapter and such dog subsequently and aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals. Under (a) and (c) herein, the dog shall not be considered a dangerous dog if the conduct of the dog in question is directed at a person:

1 (1) who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or any other tort upon 2 the property of the owner of the dog; 3 (2) who, at the time, was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog; 4 who has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, 5 abused, or assaulted the dog; or 6 (4) who, at the time, was committing or attempting to commit a crime 7 against the person, against public peace, or relating to property. 8 Domestic animal shall mean a cat, a dog, or livestock. 9 Potentially dangerous dog shall mean: 10 Any dog that when unprovoked 11 (1) inflicts a wound on a human or injures a domestic animal either on 12 public or private property, or 13 (2) chases or approaches a person upon streets, sidewalks, or any public 14 grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; or 15 (b) Any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack when 16 unprovoked, to cause injury, or to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals. 17 Severe injury shall mean any physical injury to a person that results in disfiguring 18 lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery, or one or more broken bones, or 19 that creates a potential danger to the life or health of the victim. 20 Wound shall mean any injury to a person not included within the definition of severe 21 injury. 22 Section 72. That Section 6.10.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended 23 to read as follows: 24 6.10.040 Registration Requirements; Dangerous Dogs. 25 (a) The owner of any dangerous dog shall register such dog with Animal Control 26 and upon registration shall provide the following: 27 (1) The name, address and telephone number of the owner; 28 (2)A written description and representation indicating the owner has and 29 will continue to comply with the confinement provisions of this chapter; 30 (3)Written evidence from a licensed veterinarian that the dog is currently 31 neutered or spayed;

(4) A written acknowledgment that the owner shall notify Animal Control immediately if said dog is known by the owner to be running at large, unconfined, or when the owner has any knowledge or belief that the dog has bitten or is alleged to have bitten a human being or another animal;

- (5) A written acknowledgment that the owner of said dog shall notify Animal Control of any changes in material recorded as a part of the registration within twenty-four hours of said change. Changes in material recorded as part of the registration shall include information that the dog has been sold, given away, or otherwise transferred to any other person, and in that event the registered owner shall provide the director with the name, address, and telephone number of such person; and
- (6) A non-refundable registration fee of twenty-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to any other license fee required by this title.
- (b) Upon satisfactory completion of all the requirements of this section the Chief Animal Control Officer shall issue a registration certificate which shall be used to assign the dog a permanent number. At the time of registration the Chief Animal Control Officer shall either order the owner to have any dangerous dog tattooed by a licensed veterinarian permanently marking the number assigned herein by tattoo upon the inner side of the dangerous dog's right ear within thirty days of the date of the registration, or order the owner to have a microchip inserted in any dangerous dog by a licensed veterinarian within thirty days of the date of registration. The owner shall provide Animal Control with the animal's microchip number within thirty days of the date of the registration. It shall be unlawful for any owner of such dangerous dog to fail to so mark, or tattoo, or microchip such dangerous dog as provided herein. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensed veterinarian to remove any tattoo, microchip, or any other marking used for identification.

- (c) The registration requirements including the notification requirements acknowledged therein shall be construed as affirmative duties upon the owner, failure of which shall constitute a violation of this section.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person registering a dog to falsify or misrepresent material recorded as a part of the registration.

Section 73. That Section 6.10.120 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.10.120 Penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this chapter to fail, neglect, or refuse to perform such duty, or to violate any of the provisions hereof. Upon conviction thereof, such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 recoverable with costs. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of Section 6.10.060, 6.10.070, or 6.10.100 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or be fined in a sum not to exceed \$500.00 and not less than \$200.00 recoverable with costs, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this chapter who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform such duty, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter for which a penalty is not specifically provided, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or be fined in a sum not to exceed \$500.00 and not less than \$50.00 for the first offense and not less than \$75.00 for a second offense, and not less than \$100.00 for the third offense and each offense thereafter, recoverable with costs, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

In addition to the penalties for all violations herein provided, the court may order such person to reimburse the city, and/or a public or private agency for expenses incurred in the

care, medical treatment, impoundment, and disposal of any animal involved in or connected with the incident for which the complaint was filed.

A court, upon finding a person guilty or any violation of this title, may in addition to fines, imprisonment, costs, or otherwise, order such convicted person to make restitution to any persons for damage or injury to such person or such person's property.

Each day that a violation of this chapter continues shall be punishable as a separate offense. The penalty herein provided shall be cumulative and in addition to revocation, cancellation, or forfeiture of any license, permit, or right granted by this chapter or elsewhere.

Section 74. That Section 6.12.010 of the Lincoln Municipal be and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6.12.010 Definitions.

- For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings:
- Cat shall include both male and female cats.
- 14 Hobby kennel or cattery shall mean any kennel where cats are kept for organized shows, breeding for exhibition, or for the enjoyment of the household.
 - Inoculation, and vaccination, or vaccination for rabies shall mean the vaccination of a cat with a vaccine approved by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Department of Health for use in the prevention of rabies.
 - Kennel shall be construed to mean the house, store, yard, enclosure, or place where two or more weaned, unspayed, or unneutered cats are harbored or kept; provided, however, this definition shall not apply to spayed female cats nor to the animal shelter, animal research facilities, or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska, keeping cats for others for treatment or boarding.
 - Section 75. That Section 6.12.030 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.030 License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to own a cat over six months of age without procuring a license for such cat as provided in this chapter. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof

shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or by a fine in a sum not more than \$500.00, recoverable with costs, or both such fine and imprisonment, except that each person so convicted shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$50.00 for the first offense; not less than \$75.00 for a second offense; and not less than \$100.00 for the third offense and each offense thereafter.

Section 76. That Section 6.12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.12.045 to read as follows:

<u>6.12.045</u> <u>Limit on Number of Cats Owned</u>.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or permit to be kept upon any premises occupied or under such person's charge, more than five cats over six months of age. Provided, however, the provisions of this section shall not apply to persons with a multi-cat household, hobby kennel, or cattery permit; humane society; animal shelters; animal research facilities; zoos; or to animal hospitals operated by veterinarians duly licensed under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

It shall be unlawful for any person with a multi-cat household, hobby kennel or cattery permit to own, keep, harbor or permit to be kept upon any premises occupied or under such person's charge, more than fifteen cats over six months of age.

Section 77. That Section 6.12.120 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.120 License Fee.

(a) The license fee for all cats shall be the sum of twenty-four five dollars; provided, however, the license fee for all spayed female cats and neutered male cats shall be the sum of twelve fifteen dollars. Further provided, the license fee for a cat owned by an individual sixty-two years of age or older shall be the sum of eighteen nineteen dollars. However, the license fee shall be nine eleven dollars if the cat is a spayed female or a neutered male. Unless previously licensed as spayed or neutered, a cat shall be so licensed only if the license fee is

accompanied by a statement signed by a veterinarian describing such cat and verifying the fact that such cat has been spayed or neutered.

(b) In addition to the license fee, any expired license which is renewed later than the expiration date shall not be renewed or issued until the following late fee penalty has been paid by the owner:

For new licenses, the owner shall be liable for a late fee according to the above schedule if the owner fails to license the animal within thirty days of the date the animal attains the age of six months.

No late fee shall be charged on new licenses if the owner submits proof of purchase or acquisition of the cat within the preceding thirty days; or the owner has moved into the city within the preceding thirty days.

Section 78 That Section 6.12.130 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.130 Hobby Kennel or Cattery Permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have or maintain a hobby kennel or cattery within the City of Lincoln without first having obtained such hobby kennel or cattery permit from the Director as herein provided.

Any person having a hobby kennel or cattery shall make application to the Director for said permit. The Director shall issue the permit upon finding that the premises are in compliance with the law, the permit fee has been paid, each cat has been properly licensed and vaccinated against rabies, and upon compliance with the following conditions:

- (a) Permits are not transferable from one person to another person or place.
- (b) A permit holder shall notify the Director of any change in operations which may affect the status of said permit and shall keep the Director apprised of any change in name or location of the permit holder's kennel.
- (c) The hobby kennel or cattery permit shall expire December thirty-first of each calendar year for which issued. All permits shall be due January first of each year and shall expire on December thirty-first following.
- (d) The permit fee shall be <u>fifty seventy-five</u> dollars plus <u>twelve dollars per cat</u> <u>licensing fee</u> <u>the cat license fee for each cat, as required by 6.12.120.</u>
- (e) Failure to maintain the premises in compliance with the law, or failure to make payment of the permit fee, or failure to maintain proof showing that each cat has been properly licensed and vaccinated against rabies may result in the immediate termination of the hobby kennel or cattery permit by the Director.

Any decision of the Director under the provisions of this section may be appealed to the District Court as provided by law.

Section 79. That Chapter 6.12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.12.132 to read as follows:

6.12.132 Multi-Cat Household: Permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have or maintain a multi-cat household within the

City of Lincoln without first having obtained such a permit from the Director.

Any person having a multi-cat household shall make application to the Director for said permit. The following shall be submitted with the application:

- (a) Proof of current licenses and rabies vaccination for each cat to be kept or harbored on the premises.
- (b) The permit shall be \$50.00 in addition to the licensing fee for each cat as required in Section 6.12.030 or 6.12.120.

1 Upon a finding by the Director that the premises are in compliance with the terms of the permit and the law, said permit will be issued. Only one permit per premise shall be 2 3 issued. A permit shall not be granted if permit holder possesses a current cattery or hobby 4 kennel permit on the same premises. 5 Section 80. That Chapter 6.12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by 6 adding a new section numbered 6.12.134 to read as follows: 7 6.12.134 Multi-Cat Household Permit: Terms and Requirements. 8 Permit is not transferable to another person or premise. (a) 9 (b) Permit shall be voided when the number of cats is reduced to the legal limit of 10 five cats over the age of six months or the owner receives a cattery permit. 11 All cats shall be spayed and neutered. There shall be no breeding of cats (c) 12 permitted under this permit. 13 (d) The multi-cat household permit shall expire December 31st of each calendar 14 year for which issued. All permits shall be renewed by January 1st of the following year. 15 All cats shall be kept confined on the permit owner's property and it shall be (e) 16 unlawful to allow any cat under such permit holder's charge, custody or control to run at 17 large. 18 (f) Any odor or unsanitary conditions caused by the cats shall not interfere with an 19 adjoining property owner's use and peaceful enjoyment of his/her property. 20 (q) A permit holder shall notify the Director of any change in ownership or death 21 of cats, property, or any other change which may affect the status of said permit and shall keep 22 the Director apprised of any change in name or location of multi-cat household. 23 (h) No cat shall be kept under conditions or circumstances prohibited by Sections

6.04.310, Cruelty to Animals, or 6.04.315, Animal Neglect. Violation of these provisions may

result in termination of the multi-cat household permit.

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(i) Failure to maintain the premises in compliance with the law, to make payment of the permit fee, or maintain proof showing that each cat has been properly licensed and vaccinated against rabies may result in the immediate termination of the multi-cat household permit by the Director.

(j) All permit holders shall allow an Animal Control Officer to inspect or investigate their premises. Failure to permit an Animal Control Officer to investigate or inspect their premises may result in the termination of the multi-cat household permit.

Section 81. That Chapter 6.12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 6.12.136 to read as follows:

<u>6.12.136</u> <u>Multi-Cat Household, Hobby Kennel, or Cattery Permit: Nonconforming.</u>

Any person who owns more than fifteen cats at the time of adoption of this ordinance or at time of annexation into the corporate limits of the City shall be allowed to obtain a multicat household, hobby kennel, or cattery permit for the said number of cats owned until the time of death or transfer of ownership of the cats. Thus, reducing the number of cats possessed to come into conformance with the limits herein provided in this chapter. Permit holders must meet all other requirements of the multi-cat household, hobby kennel, or cattery permits.

Section 82. That Section 6.12.140 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.140 Minimum Standards of Sanitation, Care, and Adequate Housing of Cats in Hobby Kennel or Cattery <u>or Multi-Cat Household</u>.

- (a) Animal housing facilities shall be constructed of nontoxic materials and in a structurally sound design. The facility shall be kept in good repair and kept clean and sanitary at all times, so as to protect animals from disease and injury.
- (b) (1) Animals maintained in pens, cages, or runs for periods exceeding twentyfour hours shall be provided with adequate space to prevent overcrowding and to maintain

normal exercise according to species. Cages are to be of material and construction that permit cleaning and sanitizing.

- (2) Indoor housing. These facilities shall be sufficiently temperature controlled and ventilated to provide for the animal's comfort and health. Sufficient lighting shall be provided by either artificial or natural means.
- (3) Outside housing or enclosures shall allow adequate protection against weather extremes. Floors of buildings, runs, and walls shall be of an impervious material to permit proper cleaning and disinfecting. Outside runs must be within another fenced yard and screened from view by either plantings or the other fence.
- (c) Provisions shall be made for the removal and proper disposal of animal and food waste, bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be provided and so operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.
- (d) All animal quarters and runs are to be kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition.
- (e) The food shall be free from contamination, wholesome, palatable, and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal.
- (f) All animals shall have fresh water available at all times. Water vessels shall have weighted bottoms or be mounted or secured in a manner that prevents tipping and be of the removable type.
- (g) Each cat shall be observed daily by the cat caretaker in charge or the caretaker's representative. Sick, diseased, injured, lame, or blind animals shall be provided with proper veterinary care.
- Section 83. That Section 6.12.145 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.145 Hobby Kennel or Cattery or Multi-Cat Households; Cats Running at Large.

It shall be unlawful for any person holding a hobby kennel or cattery <u>or multi-cat</u> <u>household</u> permit to allow any cat under such person's charge, custody, care, or control to run at large.

Section 84. That Section 6.12.290 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

6.12.290 Penalty for Violations.

Any person upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this chapter who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to perform such duty, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed three months or by a fine in a sum not to exceed \$500.00, recoverable with costs, or both, except that each person so convicted shall be fined not less than \$35.00 for the first offense, and not less than \$50.00 for a second offense, and not less than \$100.00 for the third offense and each offense thereafter.

If upon the trial of the offense mentioned in this section it shall appear to the county judge that the person be guilty as charged in said complaint, said county judge may, in addition to the usual judgment of conviction, declare said violation a public nuisance, order the party or parties so convicted to abate said nuisance forthwith, and in the event the party or parties convicted shall fail to do so, order the Health Director or the Chief of Police to remove to the animal shelter said cat or cats so kept and harbored in violation of this section, there to be impounded and disposed of in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The cost of such impoundment and disposal shall be borne by the convicted person.

Each day that a violation of any section in this chapter continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be punishable as such. The penalties herein provided

| 1 | shall be cumulative with and in addition to any penalty or forfeiture elsewhere in this chapter | | | |
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| 2 | provided. | | | |
| 3 | Section 85. That Sections 1 through 56 hereof be codified in the Lincoln | | | |
| 4 | Municipal Code as Chapter 6.02, Definitions. | | | |
| 5 | Section 86. That Sections 6.04.090, 6.04.160, 6.08.030, 6.08.060, 6.08.310, | | | |
| 6 | 6.10.040, 6.10.120, 6.12.030, 6.12.120, 6.12.130, 6.12.140, 6.12.145, and 6.12.290 of the | | | |
| 7 | Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing be and the same are hereby repealed. | | | |
| 8 | Section 87. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the City Charter, this ordinance | | | |
| 9 | shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the City in lieu of and in place of newspaper | | | |
| 10 | publication with notice of passage and such posting to be given by publication one time in | | | |
| 11 | the official newspaper by the City Clerk. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from | | | |
| 12 | and after its passage and publication as herein and in the City Charter provided. | | | |
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